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REPORT CLASS - SECRET - [REDACTED]

COUNTRY: GUATEMALA

SUBJECT: USE BY THE GUATEMALAN NATIONAL POLICE OF MORE HUMANE  
METHODS OF INTERROGATION OF CAPTURED LEFTISTS  
(DOI: OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1981)

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

1. SINCE OCTOBER 1981 THE GUATEMALAN NATIONAL POLICE (PN)  
OFFICERS CHARGED WITH INTERROGATING CAPTURED LEFTISTS HAVE BEEN  
INSTRUCTED TO AVOID TORTURE AND TO TRY TO WIN THE CONFIDENCE AND  
COOPERATION OF THEIR PRISONERS. CAPTURED SUBVERSIVES WHO  
COOPERATE ARE WELL-TREATED; HOWEVER, THEY ARE EVENTUALLY  
EXECUTED. PN UNITS HAVE ALSO RECENTLY RECEIVED ORDERS

EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO CAPTURE LEFTISTS, EVEN IF TAKING PRISONERS  
INCREASES THE RISK TO THE POLICE OFFICERS INVOLVED. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE ARMY OF GUATEMALA INTELLIGENCE  
SECTION (G-2) HAS ALSO RECEIVED ORDERS TO AVOID TORTURE.)

2. COMMENT: THERE IS NO INFORMATION AS TO WHY THE  
PN HAS CHANGED ITS TACTICS, BUT THE NEW POLICY APPEARS FAIRLY  
VIDESPREAD. THERE IS NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT TORTURE CONTINUES TO  
BE USED WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES ARE JUDGED TO WARRANT IT. WHEN  
PARTICULARLY HARSH OR QUICK MEASURES. SEE EMBASSY GUATEMALA  
7236 FOR A REPORT ON ARMY OF GUATEMALA EFFORTS TO THWART  
COUNTER-INSURGENCY OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE PROTECTION OF  
DEFECTORS FROM LEFTIST TERRORIST GROUPS. [REDACTED]

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